Freedom Convoy 2022 - Ambassador Bridge
Windsor, Ontario

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Ambassador Bridge Blockade
February 7-February13

Emergencies Act Announced — February 14
Emergencies Act Invoked — February 15
Emergencies Act Revoked — February 23

Government Decisions

The City of Windsor Submitted an Application for an Injunction
The City of Windsor along with the Automotive Parts Manufacturers' Association applied for an injunction to clear the blockades and prevent access to the Ambassador Bridge, and the impeding and blocking of indirect or direct approaching roadways and access points.
2022-02-10 19:00

Ontario Declared State of Emergency
Ontario declared a state of emergency in an effort to end the blockades.
2022-02-11 12:00

Ontario Superior Court Granted Injunction to the City of Windsor
The Ontario Superior Court granted the injunction to clear the blockades and blocked or impeded access to the Ambassador Bridge and its indirect or direct approaching roadways and access points. It was granted for ten days.
2022-02-11 17:30

The Injunction Came Into Effect
The injunction came into effect at 1900hrs on 2022-02-11 to clear blocked or impeded access to the Ambassador Bridge and its indirect or direct approaching roadways and access points.
2022-02-11 19:00

Letter from Ministry of Public Safety Delivered to Demonstrators
Letter from the Minister of Public Safety was delivered by Windsor Police Team to the demonstration organizer via email. A hard copy was also provided.
2022-02-11 21:30

The City of Windsor's Injunction Was Extended
The City of Windsor's injunction was extended under Section 440 of the Municipal Act, with no expiry.
2022-02-18 16:00

Key Activities

The Canada Border Services Agency Was Told That Two Groups of Protesters
Two groups of the Freedom Convoy were making their way to the Ambassador Bridge. There were approximately 250 vehicles. They were expected to arrive at the POE by 0500hrs.
2022-02-06 11:28

Freedom Convoy Made First Pass of the Ambassador Bridge
The convoy consisted of about 200 vehicles, with one transport vehicle, No blocking occurred.
2022-02-06 13:22

Unconfirmed Reports Indicate Freedom Convoys were to Converge at Ambassador Bridge
Unconfirmed reports indicate Freedom Convoy 2022 protesters will arrive at Ambassador Bridge in Windsor, ON. The believed intent of participants was to block incoming laneways to the Canada Border Services Agency and United States Customs and Border Protection at the ports of entry.
2022-02-06 14:55

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Ambassador Bridge Closed
The Ambassador Bridge was closed and all inbound traffic has been diverted.
2022-02-08 09:37

Inbound Traffic Diverted to Blue Water International Bridge
Inbound traffic was diverted to the Blue Water International Bridge at Port Huron, Michigan, United States, ON.
2022-02-08 20:00

One Outbound Lane Remained Open
Outbound traffic to the United States was open via Wyandotte Street, however most commercial traffic was being redirected to Blue Water International Bridge in Sarnia, ON.
2022-02-09 10:38

Last Outbound Lane Blocked
Demonstrators blocked the Wyandotte/Patricia intersection where a single lane of traffic was the last route previously accessing the bridge.
2022-02-10 06:45

Demonstrator Numbers Increased
Reports indicate demonstrators and numbers were increasing. Individuals were bringing in supplies such as: food, water, and propane tanks. There was also an increase of approximately 100- 200 vehicles, including trailers.
2022-02-10 19:00

Demonstrators Fought Against the Injunction in Court
The demonstrators' lawyer argued in court that the injunction should not be granted. The lawyer stated that the protest was peaceful, that it should be closed, and that since one lane was open, the injunction would be null and void.
2022-02-11 13:30

Youth Struck by Vehicle
A youth was struck by a vehicle at the Ambassador Bridge blockade on Huron Church Road. Victim had non-life-threatening injuries and Emergency Medical Services attended. Driver was arrested by Ontario Provincial Police.
2022-02-11 20:57

Decrease in Number of Demonstrators
There was a significant reduction in the number of demonstrators on foot at the Huron Church Road and College Avenue intersection. A number of vehicles had departed.
2022-02-12 03:00

London Convoy Departed
Possible convoy departed London, ON with ten vehicles.
2022-02-12 09:26

College Avenue Fire Station Forced Closed
Due to the blockade at the Ambassador Bridge, the Windsor Fire and Rescue Service were forced to close the College Avenue Fire Station as the demonstrations blocked fire routes.
2022-02-12 20:15

Demonstrators Set Up Small Encampment
Demonstrators had set up another small encampment on the road leading up to the Ambassador Bridge, but further away from the bridge itself, and the intersection blocked off to avoid any other vehicles joining.
2022-02-13 06:44

Ampelux Restriction Extended
The Notice to Airmen was extended to – 2022-02-14 for ampacre restrictions over the Windsor downtown area.
2022-02-13 12:24

Road to Bridge Secured
Police secured the Huron Church Road corridor to and from the Ambassador Bridge and indicated that the roadways to the bridge were safe and secure to travel. Additional resources, law enforcement presence and patrols were to remain high in the area, likely for up to three weeks, and road restrictions and barricades were to remain in place until further notice.
2022-02-13 21:17

Ambassador Bridge Fully Reopened
As of 1500hrs, reports indicated that the Ambassador Bridge had been fully reopened.
2022-02-13 23:00

Small Group of Demonstrators Returned
A small group of demonstrators returned at an intersection on the corner of Tecumseh Road and Northway Avenue. Demonstrators continued to discuss on social media various options for continuing their operations.
2022-02-14 16:00

Female Turned Herself in for Threats to the Mayor of Windsor
Female wanted for allegedly making a bomb threat targeting the residence of the Mayor of Windsor, turned herself in to the Windsor Police Service.
2022-02-17 17:00

Organizers

An Urgent Message Went Out on Alt Social Media from Tom and Nicholas and [redacted]
Social media posts indicated that demonstrators were looking for additional individuals to park their vehicles at the exits of the commercial lanes on Wyandotte Street at the foot of the Ambassador Bridge. The message went out on various social media from members of the slow roll and by prominent figures [redacted] and [redacted]. The groups had a considerable following and had been able to mobilize large number of people for their events. They had also received a large amount of reinforcements coming to the Windsor area.
2022-02-07 16:51

Windsor Police Service Issued a Police Bulletin for Mayor's Safety
Windsor Police Service issued a police bulletin regarding Andrew HARVESTER who posted on social media the Mayor of Windsor's residence address, along with a Google street view image. Uniformed officers were positioned at the Mayor's residence and the Mayor was advised.
2022-02-14 22:54

Law Enforcement Activities

Ontario Provincial Police Resources Arrived to Assist Windsor Police Services
Additional police resources from the Ontario Provincial Police arrived and were assisting Windsor Police Service with traffic control and response.
2022-02-10 06:45

Windsor Police Service Issued a News Release
Windsor Police Service issued a news release instructing the demonstrators to disperse by 2359hrs on 2022-02-11 as individuals blocking streets could face charges.
2022-02-11 18:00

Windsor Police Service Provided Notices to Demonstrators
Windsor Police Service provided notices to demonstrators stating that those involved in blocking streets had to immediately cease unlawful activity or face charges. Vehicles, vehicles or other property related to the offence could be seized.
2022-02-11 18:00

Wyandotte Street Re-Opened to Traffic
Wyandotte Street was cleared of demonstrators. Windsor Police Service maintained a presence to permitted traffic to flow through.
2022-02-11 20:57

Police Created Perimeter using Concrete Barriers
Police created a perimeter overnight using concrete barriers to prevent the delivery of fuel and other supplies to demonstrators. Approximately 200 demonstrators and 100 vehicles remained.
2022-02-11 09:00

Additional Ontario Provincial Police Members Arrived and were Embedded with Windsor Police Service
Ontario Provincial Police members arrived overnight to support the regional response. They were embedded with the Windsor Police Service for incident command. Public order units from Waterloo Regional Police Service, and London Police Service were on standby.
2022-02-11 09:00

Ambassador Bridge Remained Closed
The Ambassador Bridge remained closed due to safety concerns, despite the demonstrators having agreed to open one lane for inbound traffic.
2022-02-11 12:30

Ontario Provincial Police were the Lead Agency in Enforcement Coordination
Ontario Provincial Police were the lead agency in coordinating any enforcement action. Windsor Police Service remained the police force of jurisdiction.
2022-02-11 13:16

Police Intercepted Convoy
Ontario Provincial Police intercepted the London convoy from reaching the Ambassador Bridge.
2022-02-12 16:00

Approximately 170 Ontario Provincial Police members in Windsor
Approximately 170 Ontario Provincial Police officers were assisting the Windsor Police Service.
2022-02-12 17:00

Areas Secured by Police
Public order units secured areas and conducted patrols in order to prevent reoccupation. Illegally parked vehicles on adjacent roads were being ticketed and towed. Police had control of Huron Church Road from College Avenue to the Ambassador Bridge.
2022-02-12 17:00

Police Enforcement Activities Continue
All vehicles near the Ambassador Bridge were cleared. All lanes from the port of entry to College Avenue were cleared. Law enforcement moved demonstrators off the roadway, with 12 arrests made and no injuries to date. Vehicles stopped going northbound on Huron Church Road. Police advised that officers increased as more demonstrators approached downtown.
2022-02-12 10:08

Demonstrators Were Refusing to Leave
75 demonstrators refused to leave. Police were trying to clear the intersection of Huron Church Road and College Avenue.
2022-02-12 10:22

Few Demonstrators Remained
Few demonstrators remained in the area. Heavy duty equipment, such as injunction, was brought in to remove vehicles left at scene. Areas that were vacated were being solidified by cement barriers to prevent reoccupation.
2022-02-12 11:51

Police Search Area for Possible Explosive
Windsor Police Service responding units searched the areas north and south of the barricades. Provincial Liaison Team engaged and informed demonstrators. Explosive Ordnance Disposal personnel looking for explosives and were not looking to arrest anyone.
2022-02-12 20:28

Explosive Threat Was Deemed Non-Credible
Police identified the caller of the bomb threat. The caller denied making the call to police. Police deemed the call to be non-credible. Responding units had cleared the area north of barricades to College Avenue (all police controlled area). Tactical and canine units did not enter area occupied by demonstrators.
2022-02-12 23:39

Police Established Enforcement Plan
Law enforcement agencies met to solidify the arrest plan. Attendees included Windsor Police Service, OPP, Ontario Provincial Police (including Provincial Liaison Teams and the Special Victims Unit), the Canada Border Services Agency and Emergency Medical Services.
2022-02-12 06:00

Enforcement Action Began
Police moved from the staging area to the Ambassador Bridge.
2022-02-12 08:09

Police Issued Warning to Leave
Approximately 100 demonstrators remained at the Ambassador Bridge. Windsor Police Service informed them that they intended to enforce the injunction and warned them to leave. Police presence increased in front of the Ambassador Bridge.
2022-02-12 09:30

Information Received about Possible Explosive
Anonymous call received by the RCMP O Division Operational Communication Centre stating the caller saw a Facebook post by a demonstrator stating that they planted beyond the police blockade. The post mentioned it would be detonated between 2300-0000hrs on 2022-02-12.
2022-02-12 19:31

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Request from Windsor Police Service for RCMP Resources Received
Windsor Police Service requested the Minister of Public Safety to request RCMP resources which was then sent to the Deputy Commissioner of Federal Policing. The Deputy Commissioner approved the request and tasked the Commanding Officer who redeployed the Tactical Support Group from Ottawa to Windsor on the night of 2022-02-10.
2022-02-10 00:00

RCMP Public Order Unit Was on Standby
A Public order unit from the RCMP was on standby.
2022-02-11 09:00

Ontario RCMP Members Deployed and Working in Windsor included Tactical Support Group and Emergency Response Team
Ontario RCMP resources were deployed and working in Windsor: 50 Tactical Support Group members including an Emergency Medical Response Team and Commander staff; 14 Emergency Response Team members including a Critical Incident Commander and scribe; and two Emergency Response Team were en route.
2022-02-11 13:16

RCMP Participated in Operational Briefings
The Critical Incident Commander, Tactical Support Group and the Emergency Response Team participated in briefings to ensure that the ongoing if enforcement action was necessary.
2022-02-11 13:16

12 Invididuals Arrested
A total of 12 individuals were arrested; charges ranged from Mischief to Trespass. Three vehicles were towed.
2022-02-13 11:12

Additional Arrests Made
15 additional arrests were made for a total of 32 arrests. Enforcement continued.
2022-02-13 19:00

Ontario RCMP Deployed Members
After a call between Ontario RCMP's acting Commanding Officer and the Windsor Police Service's Chief of Police, 50 RCMP officers were deployed to assist in ensuring the roadways around the Ambassador Bridge remained clear.
2022-02-13 14:00

Law Enforcement Released Official Arrest Numbers
A total of 46 arrests were made with a total of 91 charges included, including Breaching a Probation Order, Mischief Over $5000, Obstruct Justice, Failure to Comply with Undertaking, Dangerous Op Causing Bodily Harm and Theft. 15 vehicles were towed/towed since the beginning of the demonstrations.
2022-02-15 00:00

Police Maintained Presence
Police partners continued to maintain a heavy presence along the highway and local roadways waiting to the port of entry.
2022-02-15 12:00

Police Intercepted Convoy Headed to Windsor
Police intercepted an Ottawa convoy suspected of heading to Windsor, ON.
2022-02-16 17:00

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RCMP Activities

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